IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Atty Dkt. 1035-509 In re Patent Application of M# C# TC/A.U. 2831 YAMANAKA et al Examiner: Nino, Adolfo Serial No. 10/849,377 Filed: May 20, 2004 Date: February 1, 2005 CONNECTING APPARATUS, IMAGE SCANNING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM PARATUS. Title: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. ☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 19 minus highest number \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$ previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = x \$50.00 minus highest number Independent claims after amendment previously paid for (at least 3) =x \$200.00 \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$ 6 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add \$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$ Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251) Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252) Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253/\$510.00 (2253) Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254/\$795.00 (2254) \$ \$130.00 (1814)/\$65.00 (2814) Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add ☐ Statement filed herewith Applicant claims "small entity" status. \$180.00 (1806) \$ Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee \$40.00 (8021) \$ Assignment Recording Fee \$ Other: **TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$** 0.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor **NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C** o. 37,515 Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 By Atty: Joseph A. Rhoa, R∉g. Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100

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## **AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: